

Record of the Conversation Between the Fuehrer  
and the Japanese Foreign Minister MATSUOKA in  
the Presence of the German Foreign Minister and  
State Minister REISSNER in Berlin on 4 April  
1941.

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Then MATSUOKA reported on his conversations with Duce and the Pope. With Duce he had had a general conversation on the state of Europe and the war and on the relations between Italy and Germany, as well as on the future development of the world.

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Finally the Italian Chief of State talked about Soviet RUSSIA and America. It was necessary to clearly understand the strength of one's adversaries. America was Enemy No. 1, with Soviet RUSSIA ranking next.

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He (MATSUOKA) agreed with these thoughts.

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MATSUOKA then also expressed the request that the FUEHRER instruct the proper authorities in Germany to meet as generously as possible the wishes of the Japanese Military Commission. Japan was in need of German help, particularly concerning U-boat warfare, which could be given by making available to them the latest experiences of the war as well as the latest technical improvements and inventions.

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Berlin, 4 April 1941

Signed: SCHMIDT.

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十九百四十二年(昭和十六年)四月四日伯林ニ於テ獨逸外務大臣及ビ國務大臣マイスナー兩氏、立會、許ニ行ハレニ總統ト日本外務大臣松岡氏ト、會談、覺書

最初ニ松岡氏ハ總統、名ガテ贈ラシシ寄贈品ニ對シ伯林滞在中、永久、思出、土産物トミテ且ツ一生、寶物トシ又名譽トミテ心ニ止ムル旨ヲ求ベテ深甚ナル感謝、意ヲ表シ同時ニ彼ハ彼ガ獨逸ニ於テ總統初メ外務大臣及ビ全獨逸國民ヨリ受ケシ友情的歡迎ニ對シ深キ感謝、意ヲ表ス。彼ハ彼ガ生存セル限り當地ニ於テ總ニル方面ヨリ受ケシ友情ハ決して忘却セズ彼ガ日本ニ帰國セバ、及ビ限り日本國民ガ獨逸ニ依リ信實ナル友情ト尊敬、念ヲ以テ迎ヘンテ居ルヲ實ニ日本國民ニ確信セムルニ様努力致サント誓ヘリ。

ソレニ閣下松岡氏ハ彼、ムソリニ統領及ビ法王ト、會談ヲ報告シタ。統領トハ彼ハ一般的ニヨーロッパ及ビ戰爭狀態現ニ伊太利ノ對獨關係及ビ將來、世界ノ發展ニ就テ語ッタ。

最後ニイタリア政府統領ハ尚ソ聯及ビアメリカニ就テ語ッタ。ソノ對抗者、意義ヲ明クニセヌバナラヌ。オ一審、敵ハアメリカアルニテオニ脅ニヤルニヤルト。

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フ總統ニ懇願、意思ヲ述ベ、今ヤ日本ハ特ニ潛水艦、戦術  
、分野ニ於テ最近、戦争経験、技術上、改良及發明  
、自由使用、形態ニ於テ迅速、援助ヲ必要トミテナル

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伯林千九百四十二年(昭和十六年)四月四日

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